GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:988
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CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-PURPOSE DAM ON RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Bihar mein har versh bandh vinash ke liy Kendra sarkar jimmeydaar" appearing in 'Punjab Kesari' dated October 25, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government propose to construct a multi-purpose dam on Kosi, Kamla and Baghmati rivers to control flood menace in the State; and

(d) the remedial steps proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) Yes Sir. The Government of India is awarethat floods in Bihar are generally caused by the rivers coming from Nepal. Government of India is in dialogue with HMG. Nepalon a regular basis at various levels to mitigate the devastation caused by flood from rivers originating from Nepal. As regards Sapta Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sunkosi Storage cum Diversion Scheme, a break through was achieved in October, 2001 during the discussions with Nepal wherein a Joint Inception Report on the scheme was finalised, paving the way for setting up of Joint Project Office and taking up field investigations for preparation of Joint Detailed Project Report. This project will interalia provide flood control benefits for Bihar.

Regarding the construction of multipurpose Projects on Kamla & Bagmati rivers, the matter is still under discussion with HMG Nepal.

Further, in order to prevent spilling of flood waters from Lalbakeya, Bagmati, Khando & Kamla rivers fromNepal side into Bihar, both sides have agreed to extend the embankments along these rivers in Indian Territory to Nepal and tie to high ground in Nepal with corresponding strengthening of embankments on Indian side. The Central Government provides financialassistance for these works. The Central Government is also providingfinancial assistance to Government of Bihar for maintenance of flood protection works on river Kosi.